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In re Patent No. 5,790,848
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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 6 January, 2006, under 37 C.F.R. §1.378(b) to accept as unavoidably delayed the maintenance fee for Patent No. 5,790,848 (the '848 patent).

The Office regrets the delay in addressing this matter, however, the file was received by the attorneys in the Office of Petitions only at this writing.

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There is no indication of record that Petitioner herein ever was empowered in the instant matter. If Petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this matter, the appropriate power of attorney documentation must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision will be mailed to Petitioner. However, all future correspondence will be directed to the address of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

Petitioner also must submit a fully executed certificate under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) (copy enclosed) evidencing Petitioner's rights to/in the instant matter.

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While telephone inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3214, it is noted that all practice before the Office is in writing (see: 37 C.F.R. §1.2¹) and the proper authority for action on any matter in this regard are the statutes (35 U.S.C.), regulations (37 C.F.R.) and the commentary on policy (MPEP). Therefore, no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's action(s).



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Encl: Statement under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)
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